(c) No incident of delay and lack of enthusiasm by Mercantile Marine Departments towards the fishing sector has come to the notice of the Government.

(d) There is no proposal to set up a separate MMD for the non-shipping sector.

Strengthening and widening of State/National Highways

2814. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of proposals of the State Governments requesting for the Central assistance for strengthening and widening of National Highways/State Highways are pending for clearance;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons therefor; and

(d) steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The details of pending proposals of State Governments is enclosed as Statement. *(See below)*

(c) The reasons for pendency are:

(i) Allowable Bank of sanctions during Financial Year 2005-06 got exhausted.

(ii) Due to the model code of conduct enforced because of elections in Kerala State, issue of sanctions kept pending.

(iii) Change in scope of one of the Centrally sponsored works in respect of Mizoram State. Hence 'in principle' approval to be given again.

(iv) Under utilization of funds by some of the State Governments thus delaying the sanction of new works of State roads under Central Road Fund (CRF).

(d) The steps taken/proposed to be taken to clear the pending proposals:

(i) As regards the CRF works, the State Governments are being requested to take up the works early and to expedite the progress on the work so that there is more utilisation of funds and more CRF proposals can be approved by the Ministry.

(ii) The National Highway works will be sanctioned in the Annual Plan 2006-07 subject to the availability of funds and inter-se priority.

Statement

The details of pending proposals of State Governments

Sl. No.	Name of State	Proposals of strengthening and widening of National Highways pending for clearance		Proposals of strengthening and widening of State roads pending for clearance					
				CRF		EI		ISC	
		Nos.	Amount (Rs. Crores)	Nos.	Amount (Rs. Crore)	Nos.	Amount (Rs. Crore)	Nos.	Amount (Rs. Crore)
1	Chattisgarh	Nil	Nil	3	10.52	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
2	Delhi	Nil	Nil	3	9.08	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
3	Goa	Nil	Nil	1	2.05	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
4	Himachal Pradesh	Nil	Nil	1	3.67	Nil	Nil	1	4.50
5	Jammu & Kashmir	Nil	Nil	1	9.32	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
6	Jharkhand	3.00	13.9	2	42.00	Nil	Nil	1	7.61
7	Kerala	Nil	Nil	2	11.50	Nil	Nil	1	13.00
8	Maharashtra	Nil	Nil	158	407.02	1	3.89	Nil	Nil
9	Meghalaya	Nil	Nil	15	42.01	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
10	Mizoram	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	1	18.87
11	Orissa	Nil	Nil	23	69.69	3	216.29	Nil	Nil
12	Uttar Pradesh	Nil	Nil	9	115.27	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
13	West Bengal	Nil	Nil	2	26.05	Nil	Nil	1	7.75

Note: — There are no proposals pending in the remaining States and Union Territories

CRF — Central Road Fund

EI — Economic Importance Scheme

ISC — Inter-State Connectivity Scheme